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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] OPE&I/IC Staff

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT : Draft Presidential Directive on National Space Policy

The National Intelligence Officers have no major disagreements with the 30 September 1977 draft Presidential Directive on National Space Policy, but recommend two changes be made for accuracy and clarity:

a. It is assumed that the policy on support to military operations by space intelligence assets is deliberately expressed in general terms, allowing the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence to work out a satisfactory interface between national and tactical requirements and collection systems. However, the paragraphs covering this subject on pages 3 and 6 call for support to military operations "as long as the primary mission capability of the asset is not impaired," whereas the paragraph on page 10 calls for providing such support while preserving the "primary intelligence missions of the systems." We believe it is the primary mission of the space system to satisfy national requirements which might be impaired, therefore, for purposes of clarity it is recommended that the word "capability" be deleted from the paragraphs on pages 3 and 6.

b. In the second paragraph of section B, page 9, change "Central Intelligence Agency" to "Director of Central Intelligence."

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